



KINO PARKWAY – 22ND STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS



October 18, 2006 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #5 Meeting Summary

A meeting of the CAC was held from 6-7:25 pm on October 18, 2006 at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center. In attendance were appointed members Ivo Ortiz, George Kalil, Wright Thomas, Claire Fellows, Les Pierce, Louis Padilla, Jamey Sumner, Brett Dumont, Cynthia Ayala, Vernon Trotter and Sandra Zepeda. Absent was CAC member Dirck Schou. Staff present included Andy McGovern, Jane Hallet, and Bob Peterson (City of Tucson) and consultant team staff Jay Van Echo, Dave Dobler, Claudia Perchinelli, Darlene Showalter, Alejandro Angel, Edie Griffith-Metty, Nanette Pageau, Matt Kershner and Freda Johnson. Also present was Barbara Grygutis, the selected project artist and observers Al Garcia, and Barbara and Jim Porta.

1. Welcome and Introductions; Confirm Quorum

Ivo Ortiz, CAC Chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. He turned the meeting over to moderator, Freda Johnson who said that a quorum was present. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Review Ground Rules for Meetings/Meeting Summary

Freda reviewed the ground rules developed at the first CAC meeting. She acknowledged the meeting summary and without objection, the summary was accepted by those present.

3. Project Schedule – DMJM Harris

Edie Griffith Mettey, project manager for DMJM Harris, said that the date has been pushed back for the alternative alignment report with the result that the final report would be complete in April 2007.

4. Present three preliminary alternative alignments and discuss pros/cons.

Dave Dobler presented an overview of what has been accomplished to date. He invited Edie and Alejandro Angel to join him in presenting the alignments. A handout was distributed that presented the goals for the project and some pros and cons for each of the three alignments. Andy McGovern, project manager for the City of Tucson, told the group that national design standards will guide this project and that there will be no compromise on safety. Copies of all alignments were distributed to those present.

The first alignment presented was the “tight diamond”. Comment was made that business access points may be revised. The phases of lights were reviewed for clarity and

since more phases are needed for this alignment, there is less efficiency than what appears in other alignments. Pros and cons were reviewed.

The second alignment “SPUI with through movement” refers to a Single Point Urban Interchange. It was clarified that one signal controls all movements and that u-turns are possible at that single point. Andy clarified that the City of Tucson maintains a 120-second cycle for signals.

The third alignment was presented and was referred to as a partial cloverleaf or loop ramps. This allows for three through lanes in each direction with signals at Highland and Cherry. Comment was made by Cindy Ayala that this alternative would create more truck traffic in Pueblo Gardens. The pros and cons were reviewed. Barbara Grygutis commented that considerations about height need to be addressed for all alternatives and she encouraged people to visualize structures in the air. George Kalil expressed support for this alternative. Jamey Sumner said that he is concerned about it since ADOT is moving away from loop ramps. Ivo and Sandra said they believe this alternative affects neighborhoods the most.

The height of the three alternatives was discussed and presented as follows. The tight diamond alignment has a center median and a shorter bridge. The SPUI has a deep bridge deck. The loop ramps alignment has a median and is a shorter bridge. A 16’ clearance is required for all alignments though there is some variation of 4-7’ in some alignments. A question arose about how the alignments compare regarding accommodating pedestrians and bicycles. Andy said that this will be worked out with the selected alternative and that all modes will be accommodated.

5. Future Meeting Dates

It was announced that the next meetings will be November 29, 2006 and January 10, 2007

6. Call to the Audience

Al Garcia made comment about shutting off Highland and said that both 23rd and 24th streets need to be open. He also reported that detention basins are needed in the area.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.